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SUBJ: DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION MATERIALS FOR TURKEY

1. DURING CALL ON DOGAN AKIN, DIRGEN FOR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS OF TURKISH CUSTOMS, EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT AKIN'S SECTION OF CUSTOMS HAS BEEN MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR COOPERATION WITH THE TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION ORGANIZATION TO ACQUIRE DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION MATERIALS AND CREATE A DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR TURKEY. AKIN SAID THAT WHILE ILLEGAL DRUG USE IS NOT YET A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN TURKEY, THERE IS INCREASING ABUSE OF AMPHETAMINES, ESPECIALLY AMONG URBAN YOUTH. THE GOT WOULD LIKE TO ATTACK THIS PROBLEM BEFORE IT GROWS WORSE, AND AKIN ASKED IF THE USG MIGHT HAVE FILMS OR OTHER MATERIALS SUITABLE FOR A PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM.

HE SAID HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN COMMUNICATION THROUGH TELEVISION WHICH REACHES A MAJOR PORTION OF TURKEY'S URBAN YOUTH.

2. EMBOFF INFORMED AKIN THAT NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE (NIDA) IS FOCAL POINT OF USG EFFORTS TO PROVIDE THE KIND OF INFORMATION DESIRED BY GOT AND SAID THAT HE WOULD REQUEST ADVISE FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT WHAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR DETERMINING IF THERE ARE MATERIALS, PARTICULARLY FILMS SUITABLE FOR TELEVISION, WHICH GOT MAY BE ABLE TO USE IN DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION PROGRAM. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING WHAT KIND OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAM CAN BE ESTABLISHED IN

DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AREA.

4. FYI: DOGAN AKIN HAS INVITATION FROM US CUSTOMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INC EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM TOGETHER WITH RECAI ERK, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF TURKISH CUSTOMS. THEY MAY BE IN WASHINGTON IN LATE MAY OR JUNE. IF BILATERAL COOPERATION IS POSSIBLE, IT SEEMS THAT THIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR NIDA TO EXPLAIN TO AKIN AND ERK WHAT CAN BE DONE.

5. USICA ANKARA IS COOPERATING WITH EMBASSY IN THIS EFFORT.
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